SUPREME DECREE No. 09642
GENERAL JUAN JOSE TORRES GONZALEZ
PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY
GOVERNMENT

## CONSIDERING:

That there is no adequate system in the country for registering vital events, which are the basis for planning the country's comprehensive development.

That technically recorded vital events serve as the basis for demographic studies for socioeconomic purposes, as they enable analysis of the current state of the population through birth and death rates, which in turn serve to project the country's development in its various social, economic, cultural, educational, and health sectors; That it is the duty of the Revolutionary Government to establish a system for registering vital events, which allows for rational grouping for subsequent data processing. To this end, the National Institute of Statistics has been entrusted with the preparation of special forms for births and deaths, which must be used free of charge by doctors and health personnel who are legally aware of the aforementioned events.

## THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECREES:

ARTICLE 1.- Doctors and other authorized health professionals who attend or are aware of births or deaths in the country are required to complete and issue the "Live Birth" and "Death" forms, which will be provided free of charge with instructions by the National Institute of Statistics.

ARTICLE 2.- When registering the vital event referred to in the previous article, Civil Registry Officials shall require, in advance, the presentation of the respective

Forms for "Live Birth" or "Death," as applicable, must be sent within a maximum of eight days to the National Institute of Statistics in the city of La Paz, and within the Republic to the Departmental Inspectors of the aforementioned Institute, under the Ministry of Planning, for the purposes of grouping and subsequent data processing.

The Ministers of the Interior, Planning and Coordination, and Social Welfare and Public Health are responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this Decree.

Issued at the Government Palace in the city of La Paz, on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen seventy-one.

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